

Something to think about...

► The weight of your load affects the amount of fuel your vehicle uses. Unnecessary items in your trunk, such as golf clubs in winter or snow tires in summer, contribute to increased fuel consumption.

► A GOOD BLOCK HEATER can give you a quick fuel-saving warm-up to winter. To save money, a timer should be used, set for 2 or 3 hours before you need the car. This gets your engine to its best operating temperature faster.

► CHECK TIRES REGULARLY. You'll get better gas mileage if you keep your tires at the maximum recommended by the manufacturer. If your tires are under-inflated by just two pounds per square inch, that can reduce fuel economy by one percent.

► WHAT ABOUT RADIALS? Radial tires can be real fuel-savers. They have less rolling resistance, and offer improved handling, steering, acceleration and braking responses — plus better performance in bad driving conditions such as snow or rain.

SHARE-A-RIDE

saves fuel and your \$\$\$

Carpooling

Carpools are an effective and inexpensive solution to the problem of excessive energy consumption during daily commuter transportation. For example, if car occupancy increased by just one percent, Ontario motorists would save an estimated 3.4 million litres (730,000 gallons) of gasoline annually.

For the individual, carpooling can save several hundred dollars a year, reduce driving strain, and act as a backup arrangement.

Vanpooling

A vanpool is a group of 10 to 12 people who live in the same neighbourhood riding together to and from work in the comfort of a passenger van. Each passenger pays a low monthly fare to cover all operating and capital costs. Riders escape the headaches of driving in heavy traffic or bad weather. Best of all, they save between \$700 to \$900 per year!

The typical vanpool takes seven cars off rush hour routes and saves about 23,000 litres (5,000 gallons) of gasoline per year.

For more information on how you can organize SHARE-A-RIDE car/vanpooling contact:

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**IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO
MAKE FUEL-SAVING A HABIT**

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Are you throwing away your \$\$\$?

If you speed, you are. For example: when you drive 112 km/h (70 mph) you're losing 15 to 20 cents on every gallon! If you cut that speed by 16-20 km/h (10-15 mph) your car would use 12 to 18 per cent less gas — and your \$\$\$ would stay in your pocket!

How much time do you save by speeding?

If you drove for an hour at 104 km/h (65 mph) you'd arrive at your destination 11 minutes earlier than if you had driven at 88 km/h (55 mph).

For 11 minutes, is it worth the \$\$\$ wasted?
the gas wasted?
the speeding fines?
the demerit points?
Think about it.

How about your accident survival chances?

if you're in an accident at... your survival chance are...

112 km/h (70 mph) or faster	50-50
100 km/h (60 mph)	7-1
80 km/h (50 mph)	31-1

How to save your \$\$\$ and gas...

Don't warm up engine too long in idle. As soon as it sounds smooth-running, drive off, building speed gradually. Allow the car to move into high gear quickly by easing up on the gas pedal as you gain speed. If you have a standard transmission, avoid racing the engine in the lower gears.

Don't make "jack rabbit" starts...they waste fuel and your \$\$\$\$. Accelerating smoothly will give you more mileage, while sudden stabs at the gas pedal open-up the carburetor's pump, injecting extra gas into the engine. And that's a waste of gas and your \$\$\$.

Don't leave the engine running when your car is stationary for a long period, for example, while waiting for someone or when making a delivery. Tests have shown that the action of shutting off and re-starting the engine does not consume as much fuel as letting it idle. An idling car gets zero kilometres per litre.

Don't run on snow tires after "the snow season". Tests show snow tires cut fuel efficiency considerably, so remove them as early as possible in the Spring.

Don't race up to a stop sign or stop light, then brake abruptly...coast your car with your foot off the gas. That adds up to a fuel saving and saves your \$\$\$.



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